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REMARKS

The number of claims in this application was 23, and as a result of this amendment, 23 claims remain in the application

Formal drawing Figs. 5, 6, 7 and 8 which were submitted on January 15, 2004 to replace informal Figs. 5, 6, 7 and 8 filed with the application, have now been amended to more clearly indicate details of the figures which were included in the informal drawings but inadvertently omitted from the formal drawings submitted earlier.

A clean copy of amended Figs. 5, 6, 7 and 8, and a marked up version of the drawings currently on file showing the changes and entitled "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" are enclosed as appendices to this correspondence.

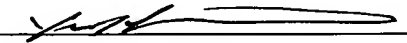
No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the amended drawings submitted herewith when examining the present invention.

Should the Official Draftsperson have any objections to the amended formal drawings Figs. 5, 6, 7 and 8 submitted herewith, it is requested that Applicant's undersigned Agent of Record be contacted by telephone at the number given below.

Any fee required by the filing of this letter may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-5113.

Respectfully submitted,

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The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to FIGS. 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes.



ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWINGS

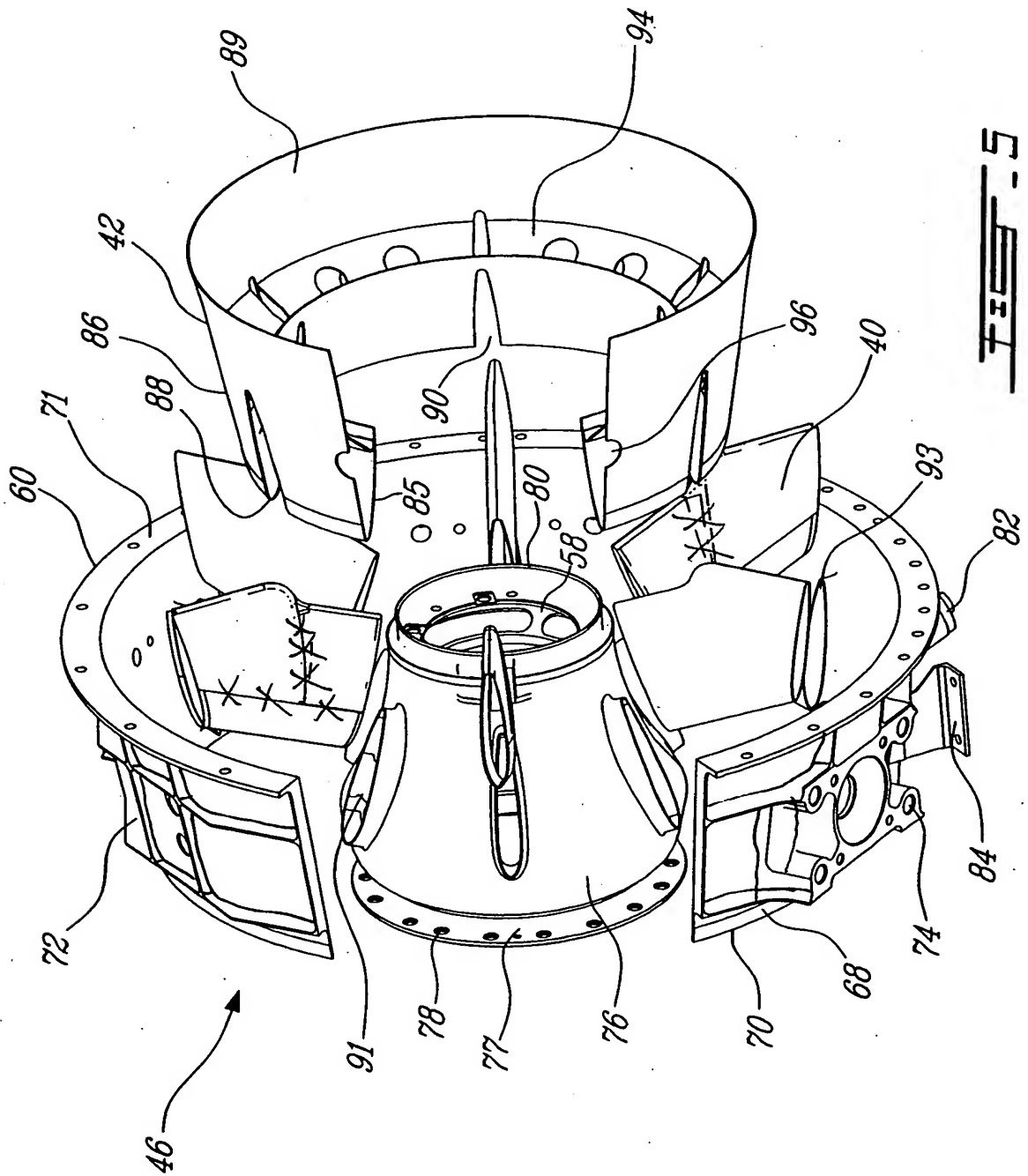


FIG. 5

ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWINGS

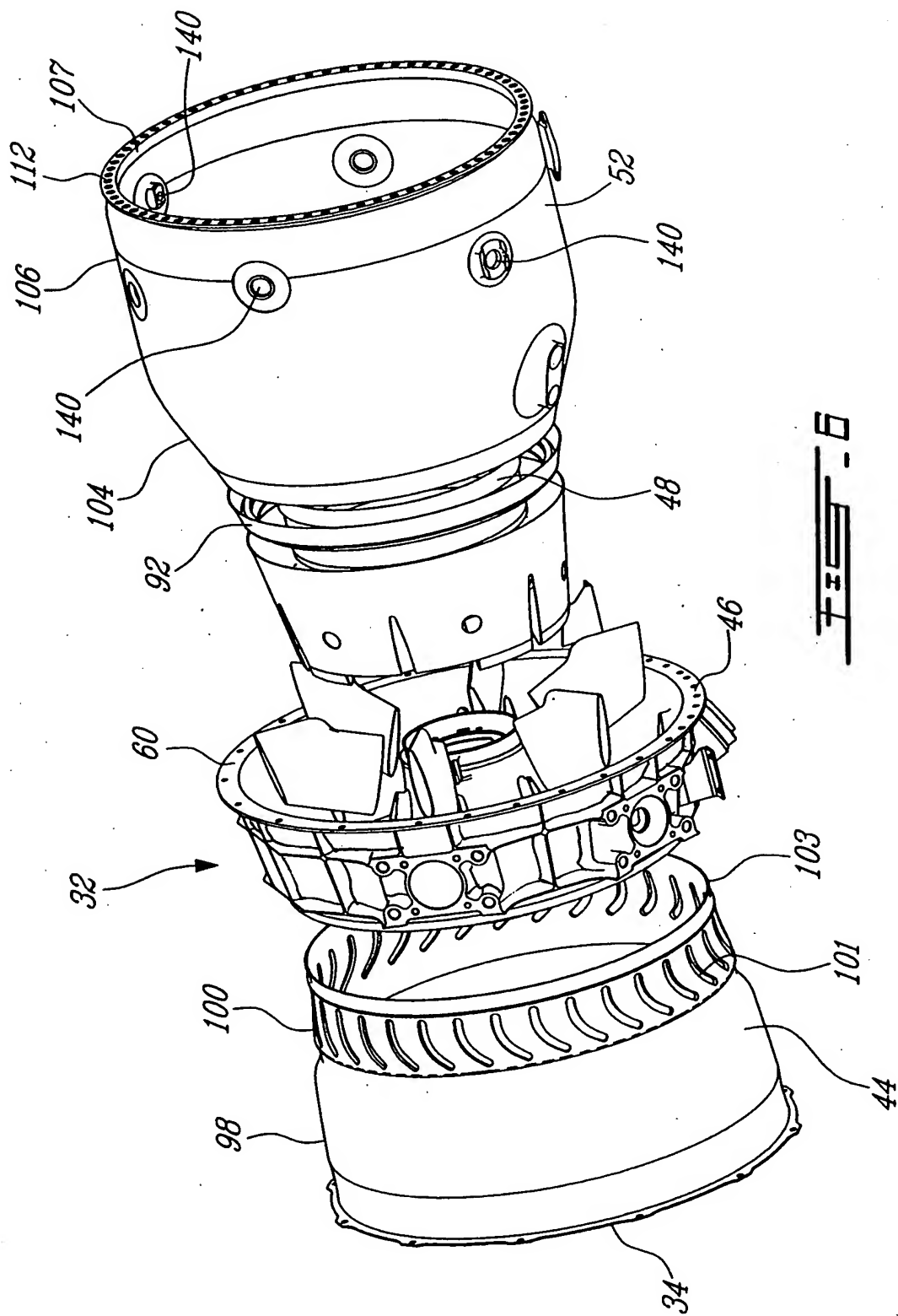


FIG. 6

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ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWINGS

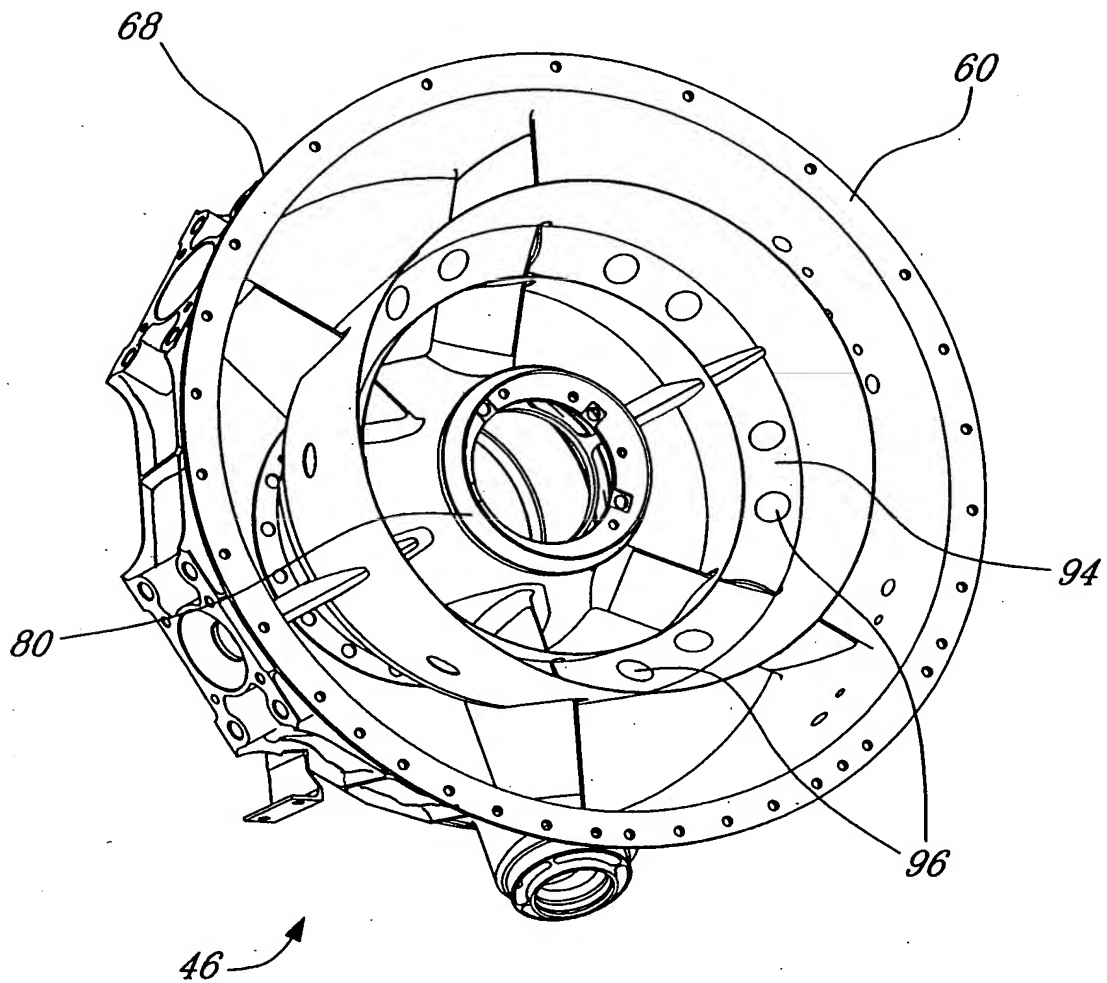


FIG. 8